

Abstract

Method for tuning the reception of radio broadcast signals to an FM RDS transmitter using program related data and transmitter related data and receiver executing the method, providing a band scanning search for detecting FM RDS transmitters exceeding a predetermined reception quality level. To enhance efficiency in data processing and use of storage capacity, transmitter related data including tuning data is stored separately from program related RDS data. Per each detected transmitter a permanency factor indicating the permanency in reception quality thereof is being allocated to each detected RDS transmitter and stored in a first memory bank, along with the relevant tuning data. Per each program identification code carried in the RDS data of the so detected transmitters program related FM RDS data are being stored in a second memorybank, a linkage code defining the storage address within the second memory bank containing the program data carried by the relevant FM RDS transmitter being allocated to the transmitter data of each FM RDS transmitter and stored in the first memory bank.

Figure 1